GREATER ST. LOUIS FEDERAL EXECUTIVE BOARD

Date: January 19, 2005

To: Federal Executive Board Members

From: Charlie Meyer, Chair

Re: 2005 Excellence in Government Awards

Margaret Mead, noted author and anthropologist, observed: "Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Each year the Federal Executive Board has the opportunity to acknowledge citizens who serve their country and change the world through public service. The 2005 Excellence in Government Award is one outstanding way to publicly acknowledge those individuals in your organization.

The Board adopted a significant change to recognition of excellence in the area of special emphasis and EEO initiatives. Beginning this year a new category titled "Diversity" has been added to the program. This category will include both an individual and team award. Special Emphasis Councils will no longer present the awards.

Nominations must be postmarked not later than Friday, March 4, 2005. The awards package contains the documents and instructions to help you prepare the 2005 nominations. The Federal Executive Board reserves the option to not present an award for a specific category if the award package(s) submitted fail to provide sufficient documentation to merit the Board's recognition.

Winners of the 2005 Excellence in Government Award will be announced at a ceremony the first week of May. Federal Executive Board members and award nominees receive invitations to the event that includes breakfast, guest speaker and award presentation. By sponsoring your nominees' attendance, you will publicly affirm their outstanding performance.

Please join me in recognizing federal employees who help to change the world!

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